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House Bill No. 6508
As Amended by House
Amendment Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
April 24, 2009

AN ACT AMENDING REGULATIONS FOR PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPAS AND CERTAIN OTHER PRODUCTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subparagraph (N) of subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of
2 section 16a-48 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is
3 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (N) On or after January 1, 2009, bottle-type water dispensers,
5 commercial hot food holding cabinets, portable electric spas, walk-in
6 refrigerators and walk-in freezers shall meet the efficiency
7 requirements of section 1605.3 of the January 2006 California Code of
8 Regulations, Title 20, Division 2, Chapter 4, Article 4: Appliance
9 Efficiency Regulations, as may be amended from time to time. On or
10 after January 1, 2010, residential pool pumps shall meet said efficiency
11 requirements.

12 Sec. 2. Subdivision (3) of subsection (d) of section 16a-48 of the
13 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
14 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

15 (3) (A) The office, in consultation with the Department of Public
 16 Utility Control, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the
 17 provisions of chapter 54, to designate additional products to be subject
 18 to the provisions of this section and to establish efficiency standards
 19 for such products upon a determination that such efficiency standards
 20 [(A)] (i) would serve to promote energy conservation in the state, [(B)]
 21 (ii) would be cost-effective for consumers who purchase and use such
 22 new products, and [(C)] (iii) that multiple products are available which
 23 meet such standards, provided no such efficiency standards shall
 24 become effective within one year following their adoption pursuant to
 25 this subdivision.

26 (B) The office, in collaboration with the Multi-State Appliance
 27 Standards Collaborative, shall identify additional appliance efficiency
 28 standards. Not later than six months after identifying an efficiency
 29 standard of a member state of such collaborative for a product for
 30 which no equivalent Connecticut or federal standard exists, the office
 31 shall determine whether the standard meets the criteria of
 32 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision and shall report to the joint
 33 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
 34 matters relating to energy regarding such standard.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	16a-48(d)(1)(N)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	16a-48(d)(3)

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in no fiscal impact.

House "A" adds provisions regarding additional product standards which results in no fiscal impact.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6508 (as amended by House "A")******AN ACT AMENDING REGULATIONS FOR PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPAS AND CERTAIN OTHER PRODUCTS.*****SUMMARY:**

Current law requires that bottle-type water dispensers, commercial hot food holding cabinets, portable electric spas, walk-in refrigerators, and walk-in freezers sold in Connecticut beginning January 1, 2009 meet energy efficiency standards established by California in January, 2006. Beginning January 1, 2010, residential pool pumps must also meet these standards. This bill requires that these products meet the standards as amended from time to time.

By law, the Office of Policy and Management (OPM), in consultation with the Department of Public Utility Control, must adopt regulations to establish energy efficiency standards for products beyond those covered by statute. OPM can only adopt standards if it determines that (1) doing so would promote energy conservation in the state, (2) they would be cost-effective for consumers, and (3) multiple products meet the standards. The bill requires OPM, in collaboration with the Multi-State Appliance Standards Collaborative, to identify additional appliance efficiency standards. (The collaborative consists of Connecticut, California, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Washington.) Within six months after identifying a member state's efficiency standard for a product for which no equivalent Connecticut or federal standard exists, OPM must determine whether the standard meets the above statutory criteria for adopting standards and report to the Energy and Technology Committee regarding this standard.

*House Amendment "A" adds the provision on additional product standards.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 21 Nay 0 (03/10/2009)